

Reported Reasons for Stopping Breastfeeding¹
Illinois PRAMS 2012

	Percentage ²	95% Confidence Interval	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I thought I was not producing enough milk or my milk dried up.	46.1	41.1 - 51.2	220	29,273
Breast milk alone did not satisfy my baby	28.6	24.3 - 33.3	135	18,120
My baby had difficulty latching or nursing.	26.3	22.1 - 31.1	122	16,697
I went back to work or school.	20.5	16.7 - 24.8	90	12,994
It was too hard, painful, or too time consuming.	18.0	14.5 - 22.3	81	11,441
My nipples were sore, cracked, or bleeding.	11.8	8.8 - 15.6	51	7,473
I thought my baby was not gaining enough weight.	9.2	6.6 - 12.6	40	5,827
I had too many other household duties.	8.4	6.0 - 11.5	43	5,307
I got sick or I had to stop for medical reasons.	6.7	4.7 - 9.5	33	4,262
I felt it was the right time to stop breastfeeding.	4.8	3.1 - 7.3	26	3,056
My baby was jaundiced (yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes).	3.5	2.0 - 6.0	15	2,204

¹**Survey Question 57:** What were your reasons for stopping breastfeeding?

²**Percentage** = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2012 with the specified indicator for each characteristic.

³**Respondents (N)** = Total number of mothers who responded to this question with Yes; total N = 1075 (Yes or No); Total N value for each characteristic varies due to unanswered questions, survey skip patterns, and invalid responses.

⁴**Estimated population affected** = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2012 with the specified indicator for each characteristic